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METHOD FOR ASSEMBLING THE SAME

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

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Enclosed is a copy of the European Search Report dated December 15, 2003, for a corresponding European patent application together with the references cited therein.

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Please note that cited reference EP 0 433 584 A, is in the same family as U.S. Patent No. 5,245,480 which was previously filed in the U.S. PTO on January 3, 2001; therefore this reference is not enclosed.

It is requested that the accompanying PTO-1449 be considered and made of record in the above-identified application. To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees connected with this filing which may be required now, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2380. (740165-279)

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